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1. On 24 September 1947 a conference occurred between CDU leaders of Land Rheinland-Pfalz and CDU visitors Jakob Kaiser, Lemmer, and Adenauer. The meeting was reported in the press, but its causes and procedure were not made public. It was a closed session.
2. The meeting was originally scheduled to include only Adenauer and Minister-President of Rheinland-Pfalz Altmaier, to induce Altmaier to make a declaration favoring the Marshall Plan at the Landtag session of 30 September 1947. Altmaier informed Commandant Foucry, the political adviser to Governor de Boislambert of Rheinland-Pfalz, that he intended to discuss the Marshall Plan at that session. Upon orders from the office of Administrator-General Laffon in Baden-Baden, Foucry advised Altmaier to omit mention of the Marshall Plan. Adenauer wished to persuade Altmaier to disregard this advice, and Kaiser and Lemmer attended the meeting in order to counteract his efforts.
3. During the meeting, which was somewhat stormy, Adenauer almost succeeded, contending that the Marshall Plan would be carried anyhow. Kaiser violently reproached him for voluntarily abandoning the Russian Zone. A compromise suggested by Lemmer was finally adopted: to prepare a declaration favoring the Marshall Plan but to publish it only after the negative results of the London Conference of Foreign Ministers became clear.
4. Kaiser and Lemmer criticized Administrator General Laffon's Order No. 219, which granted some authority on export matters to French Zone Lands, as the path to economic separatism. Kaiser was particularly bitter over the "casting off of the Eastern Zone."
5. Altmaier informed his party leaders that he had no great difficulty maneuvering SPD in Rheinland-Pfalz, citing the railroad agreement for separate Land control of the Reichsbahn in the French Zone which was signed by SPD and trade union representatives. He described it as "lulling the Social Democratic nostalgia for economic centralism."

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